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High Firs Primary School

NEWSLETTER

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Message from Mr Kilbride

Welcome back everybody after the Easter holidays – I hope you all enjoyed the break and are feeling recharged and fresh for the term ahead.

After the heavy rain before Easter forced the postponement of our inter-house sports events for the end of Term 4, on Wednesday this week KS1 children took part in a Tri-golf competition and KS2 in a football tournament. The full results can be found below, but here is a summary of the winners in each event. In Tri-golf, Ash were the winners with 130 points. The Year 3 and Year 4 football competitions were both won by Chestnut. Winners in Year 5 were jointly Chestnut and Beech and in Year 6 jointly Beech and Ash. The overall football winners across the whole of KS2 were Beech. Congratulations to all who took part. Great sportsmanship was on display embodying our school values on the sports field.

We are looking forward to the installation of our new Trim Trail on Monday and Tuesday next week. This fixed outdoor play equipment has been purchased for school with the money raised by Friends of High Firs over the last year. So it is with great thanks to you all and with much excitement that we anticipate seeing its construction and all the children enjoying playing on it in the very near future.

Interhouse Results	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th
Year 1/2 Tri-golf	Ash 130	Beech 120	Oak 99	Chestnut 73
Year 3 Football	Chestnut 14	Beech 12 Oak 12	Ash 10	
Year 4 Football	Chestnut 14	Beech 12 Oak 12	Ash 10	
Year 5 Football	Chestnut 16 Beech 16	Oak 10	Ash 8	
Year 6 Football	Beech 16 Ash 16	Oak 10	Chestnut 6	
KS2 overall totals	Beech 56	Chestnut 50	Oak 44 Ash 44	



St George's Day

Members of Guiding (Rainbows/ Brownies/Guides), Scouting (Squirrels/Beavers/ Cubs/Scouts), Girls Brigade & Boys Brigade may wear their organisation's uniform to school on Monday 24th April to commemorate St George's Day.



Attendance – Assessment weeks

Thank you to all our parents who continue to support their children's good attendance at school. Can we please ask in particular that appointments are not made for children in the following weeks due to statutory testing taking place when the children's attendance is essential:

Year 6 – 9th to 12th May (SATs testing)

Year 1 – 5th to 9th June (Phonics screening)

Year 2 – throughout May



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FOSC Breakfast Club and After School Club

Please can we remind parents that our out of school provision is now run by Foots Cray Out of School Club and not the school – we are not able to take bookings for these or to answer any queries regarding provision. More information about bookings and contact details are available at <http://www.footscrayoutofschool.com/>



If you are collecting your child from After School Club, please note there are new arrangements - on arrival at school please telephone the FOSC mobile on 07594 439691 to let them know you have arrived for your child. Please do not ring the school doorbells.



Assemblies

We look forward to welcoming parents to the following class assemblies taking place this half term:



Yr4 – Thursday 18th May at 10.10am
Yr3 – Thursday 25th May at 10.10am

This term you will also have the opportunity to view your child's tray of exercise books after their assembly.

Assembly dates for after half term will be issued soon.

Special Mentions

Well done to all of our children who received a Special Mention and certificate from their teacher in assembly today –

- Aylen G – trying really hard with her reading.
- Harry H – making great progress with his reading.
- Lenny G – for being an enthusiastic learner.
- Henry RW – working really hard in all lessons.
- Chloe P – being a kind, caring and helpful classmate.
- Daisy B – being a king, caring and helpful classmate.
- Lottie A – settling in really well to her new class.
- Thomas H – having a great attitude to his learning and working hard.
- Piper W – showing really good football skills and taking part with enthusiasm.
- Walter A – fabulous progress in reading.
- Baraa R – working hard in Maths to answer questions to the best of his ability.
- Elijah B – working hard in Maths to answer questions to the best of his ability.
- Belle L – great work with speech in story writing and a great start to the term.
- Alby R – fantastic work in Maths this week.



Register Rabbit

Congratulations to this week's winners of Register Rabbit for their excellent attendance:

YEAR R
YEAR 3



HOUSE POINTS

	This Week	Term Total	Top Scorers this week
BEECH	112	2769	Robert L, Scarlett WB
CHESTNUT	88	3145	Aaron B, Evie Ti, Lily M
OAK	93	2780	Henry RW, Joshua E
ASH	81	2337	Stanley W, Tenuki A



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Times Tables Rockstars Challenges are back!
Don't forget to log on each week to take part and win points for your House.
<https://trockstars.com/>

In our classes this week

Reception – learned to roll a ball in a straight line to aim for a cone.
Year 1 – planted bean seeds.
Year 2 – are enjoying their new book, "The Boy Who Grew Dragons".
Year 3 – learned about Jacques Cousteau and why he was famous.
Year 4 – had a brilliant first swimming lesson!
Year 5 – learned about acute, obtuse and reflex angles.
Year 6 – used speech to improve their story writing.



Friends of High Firs Primary School Association

Supporting Our Children's Education Registered Charity No. 1137633

Notice of Extraordinary General Meeting to be held on Monday 24th April at 7pm

All parents/guardians and staff are very welcome to attend – please come along!

We hereby give notice of the EGM of Friends of High Firs Primary School to be held on Mon 24th April at 7pm.

Agenda:

- Appointment of Secretary
- Summer Term events planning 2022-23
- Any other business



Coming Soon!

We will be launching a school Facebook group page soon to share more of our news and in-school celebrations – we hope to send the link out next week. The group will be closed and only known school contacts able to join. As part of this we will be checking our publishing permissions for our children so a new form will be coming home for your return.



INSET DAYS

No children in school

Fri 26th May 2023

Mon 10th July 2023

Coming up next week...

Clubs starting from Monday.

Monday 24th April

Guiding & Scouting members can wear organisation uniforms
7pm – FHF EGM



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RE: NPCC 2 Wheel Week

Dear Madam/Sir,

As part of the National Police Chiefs Council "Two Wheel Week" running 17-23 April, in collaboration with KCC Bikeability trainers, Kent police would like to make you aware of some educational tips around cycling.

Cycling is a great way of getting to school and can keep you and your children healthy and active, but it can also present risks to your safety. Hopefully these tips will help you make sure you and your bike are ready to get cycling to school.

- Consider riding routes with dedicated cycle paths to ensure the safety of young children and pedestrians.
- Ensure that your bicycle is roadworthy. If it has been unused for a while, ensure that the mechanisms such as brakes and gears are working and that tyres are inflated before starting any ride.
- Always wear a cycle helmet regardless of where you are cycling. All child cyclists and scooter users should always wear a helmet.
- Wear Hi-Viz or bright colours to help other road users to see you. Red is particularly visible to road users.
- Think about your positioning in the road and whether you can be seen by other road users.
- Effectively communicate with other road users, by using hand signals when turning. Try to make eye contact with other road users and pedestrians to ensure that they have seen you.
- If approaching pedestrians from behind, use your bell or a polite verbal warning to alert them to your presence.

For more information about Bike Ability please see

<https://www.kent.gov.uk/roads-and-travel/road-safety/road-safety-training/cycle-training>

We'd also like to take this opportunity to re-enforce the law around e-scooters. These are classed as Personal Light Electric Vehicles (PLEVs), which means they are treated as motor vehicles and subject to the same legal requirements, such as driving licence, insurance, number plates, lighting, road tax, crash helmets etc. Without these, e-scooters cannot be used legally on the road.

For more information about powered transporters and the law, visit www.gov.uk

We hope that these tips are of some use and help promote road safety.

Yours Faithfully,
Chief Inspector Craig West
Head of Roads Policing
Tactical Operations Command



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